

**REMARKS*****Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tran et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,282,145). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 and 7 have been amended to include allowable subject matter as described subsequently. Applicant believes that these claims are now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 3 – 8, 10 – 13, and 16 – 17 now depend from allowable independent claims. Therefore, the dependent claims are now allowable.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The Examiner indicated Claims 2, 9, 14 and 15 contain allowable subject matter over prior art in view of the claimed “alternate” connection, second multiplex use and opposite end arrangement of select transistors. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 9, respectively. Claims 2 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice. New claim 18 is a combination of the subject matter of original claims 7 and 14. Claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice.

**CONCLUSION**

For the above-cited reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow all of the claims of the present application. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2211. No new matter has been added and no additional fee is required by this amendment and response.

Respectfully submitted,

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